



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month – April

The weather outside is getting warmer which means more people are out and about and driving around. One of the best ways to stay safe while going throughout your days in the nice weather is by simply wearing your seatbelt! A seatbelt can mean the difference between life and death. Seatbelts are something that MOST people wear, however, we would love to get every person to wear them! In Wisconsin, we have what is called a primary enforcement seatbelt law. What this means, is that a law enforcement officer can pull over and ticket a driver for failing to wear a seatbelt, even if no other laws are being broken. Please wear your seatbelts everyone, as stated before, it could mean the difference between life and death.

347.48 (2m) Wisconsin State Statute States: (a) In this subsection, "properly restrained" means wearing a safety belt approved by the department under sub. (2) and fastened in a manner prescribed by the manufacturer of the safety belt which permits the safety belt to act as a body restraint. (b) If a motor vehicle is required to be equipped with safety belts in this state, no person may operate that motor vehicle unless the person is properly restrained in a safety belt.